

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 5309
Gary K. Michelson)	
Serial No.: 10/802,906)	Group Art Unit: 3775
Filed: March 17, 2004)	Examiner: Matthew James Lawson
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH)	
LOCKING ELEMENT (as amended))	

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action dated December 8, 2010 ("Office Action"), the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, the following remarks are submitted:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.